

Structures

These structures are used to control gully erosion. Critical area seeding and fertilizing are required.

- * **DWC-1, Water Impoundment Reservoirs.** This practice is to control active gully erosion and to provide water for agriculture uses, fire protection, and/or wildlife benefits. A watering system is required. Fencing is required if livestock are in the area. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**
- * **DWP-1, Sediment Retention Erosion or Water Control Structures.** Structures such as erosion control dams, de-silting reservoirs, sediment basins, debris basins, or similar structures. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**
- * **DWP-3, Sod Waterways.** To establish waterways through site prep and establishing permanent non-woody vegetative cover. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

Special Conservation Practices

These practices are considered demonstrative practices in which to solve a significant and unique local conservation concern. These practices are exempt from the soil loss requirements.

- * **DSP-2, Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement.** This practice is used to enhance poor to very poor condition pastureland or when fescue-endophyte fungus infestation levels are greater than 30%. There

is a maximum of eighty (80) acres per farm and/or landowner. You may complete this practice in a four-consecutive year period. **Maintenance Agreement - 5 years.**

- * **DSP-3, Planned Grazing Systems Practice.** The landowner or operator must attend an Intensive Grazing School provided by the University of Extension in conjunction with NRCS. This practice pays for watering systems and fencing (not including property line fence). There is a limit of \$90 per acre for establishing this rotational system in addition to the District's \$6000 limit. There also is a \$13,500 life-time maximum limit, which must be obtained within 4 years after the complete establishment of the first system. **Maintenance Agreement - 5 years.**
- * **DSP-33, Planned Grazing Systems w/pond structure.** This system provides the same components as the DSP-3 with an additional \$3500 (not included in the \$90 limit and over and above the \$6000 year limit) for building or refurbishing a pond water source. Note: the pipe line and fencing costs that are required for the structure are covered under the \$90 per acre limit. Only earthwork is covered in the \$3500. Construction of more than one pond is allowed, however, the cost-share is limited to \$3500. Maximum cost-share for a combination DSP-3/33 received in one year is \$13,500. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**
- * **DSP-333, Planned Grazing Systems w/well.** This system provides the same components as the DSP-3 with an additional \$3500 (not included in the \$90 limit and over and above the \$6000 year limit) for the drilling of a well. Note: the submersible pump and pressure tank costs are covered under the \$90 per acre limit.

Only the drilling, casing, sealing and other miscellaneous materials (does not include well certification costs) of one or more wells is covered in the \$3500. Maximum cost-share for a combination DSP-3/333 received in one year is \$13,500. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

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GASCONADE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COST-SHARE PROGRAM



The Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Cost-Share Program was authorized by Senate Bill 612, 80th General Assembly. The Program is a state funded incentive program designed for the purpose of saving the soil of the state through erosion abatement and sediment control. The cost-share program is intended to provide financial incentives to landowners to install erosion control practices that they would not otherwise install. Public tax dollars are made available to Soil and Water Conservation District Boards of Supervisors to fund practices intended to reduce soil erosion rates. Applications for cost-share assistance through

the Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District will only be approved when the land*, upon which the practice is being installed, is experiencing erosion at a rate greater than the tolerable soil loss limit (“T” level), or is experiencing active gully erosion, or is otherwise exempt from excessive erosion requirements as allowed by the Cost-Share Rule. All practices must meet NRCS Standards and Specifications. A “Conservation Plan” will be developed for all practices.

All practices have a 5 or 10 year maintenance agreement. All 10-year practices will be recorded at the county courthouse at District expense. All maintenance work is the responsibility of the landowner (i.e., brush clearing, top dressing with fertilizer, fence repair...)

The District pays up to 75% of the county average cost unless otherwise stated. There is a maximum of \$6000.00 per landowner/per year limit.

To qualify for these practices, you need to own a minimum of twenty acres and produce a minimum of \$1,000 in agricultural sales. You must contact the Soil and Water office and set up an appointment for a technician to evaluate your conservation needs. You will then need to make application to the Board for funding. **You MUST NOT begin the practice BEFORE Board approval.**

Upon approval you will be notified by phone to come in for a post-conference and receive your cost-share packet. There is a time frame in which the practice must be completed.

All practices must be paid for in advance. The State of Missouri requires paid receipts, which

are signed and dated by the vendor. The landowner will be reimbursed upon completion of the project, NRCS certification, and processing of the claim paper work.

All technical and managerial services are provided free of charge. For more information or to set up an appointment, please contact your local SWCD at 573-437-3478 ext. 3.

* CRP and CCRP land is exempt from all cost-share eligibility.

Vegetative Practices

Soil erosion is determined by actual cover, soil type, and slope. Soil tests are required for most of these practices and are the responsibility of the landowner.

Seeding sign-up deadlines for DSL-1 and DSL-2 are:

- ◇ Spring - January 15
- ◇ Fall - July 15

* **DSL-1, Permanent Vegetative Cover.** Assistance is authorized for lime and fertilizer, eligible seed, seeding operation, and seedbed prep. Conventional tillage or the no-till method may be used for establishment. **Maintenance Agreement - 5 years.**

* **DSL-2, Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement.** Assistance for seeding of legumes into permanent vegetation and for lime, phosphate and potash, and chemicals necessary to establish the legumes. The

legumes may be applied as a dormant seeding or drilled in the spring. **Maintenance Agreement - 5 years.**

* **DSL-4, Terrace Systems.** Assistance necessary for establishing Terrace Systems is provided. Cost-share is allowed to convert a old system to a new system, if the present system is not serving its intended conservation purpose. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

* **DSL-44, Terrace Systems w/tile.** This practice is the same as DSL-4 with the addition of tile. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

* **DSL-5, Diversion.** Assistance for diversions, ditches, dikes, or subsurface drains where necessary for the proper functioning of the diversion. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

* **DSL-11, Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas.** This practice is used to stabilize critical areas (such as gullies, banks, roadsides, field borders, and similar problem areas) on farms. Assistance for measures needed to stabilize a source of sediment, such as grading and shaping, the establishment (including lime and fertilizer) of grasses, mulching, trees or shrubs, or fencing to exclude livestock from new plantings. **Maintenance Agreement - 5 years.**

* **DSL-111, Permanent Vegetative Cover - Confined Animal Feed Lots** This practice receives the same assistance as a Critical area treatment. It is used to address erosion problems associated with animal

confinement areas, feedlots, hog pens, and other areas where livestock have been confined or allowed continuous access. The following requirements apply: Cost-share is limited to 5 acres per farm. The maximum cost share is \$500 per acre not to exceed \$2500. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

* **DSL-15, No-Till Systems.** To establish no-till system of farming with residue management. **Maintenance Agreement - 1 year.**

Woodland Practices

Cleared riparian areas (stream floodplains) and upland soils with slopes exceeding 10% are exempted from the soil loss requirements. **An existing functional interior or property line fence must be intact.**

* **DFR-4, Forest Plantation.** Assistance for seed or seedlings, seedbed prep, and field fencing to exclude livestock from woodland that lies in an existing functional interior or property line fence. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**

* **DFR-5, Woodland Protection Through Livestock Exclusion.** This practice pays 75% of the county average cost for barb or electric fencing. This practice will not cover metal gates, energizers, etc. **Maintenance Agreement - 10 years.**